

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal of an enterprise, comprising:

receiving a call in an email server of the enterprise from the portable electronic device;

determining if the portable electronic device is registered in the email server of the enterprise;

obtaining, at the email server, a pre-assigned message identifier from the portable electronic device, the pre-assigned message identifier assigned by the e-mail server to an e-mail message ~~received by~~ provided to the portable electronic device from the email server, the pre-assigned message identifier corresponding to an author of the received email;

authenticating the pre-assigned message identifier at the email server of the enterprise;

requesting a recording of a voice message from the user of the portable electronic device as a reply to the email message;

recording the voice message at the email server; and

transmitting the voice message to the enterprise terminal.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 6, further comprising:

converting the recorded voice message into a format adapted for attachment to an electronic message.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 6, further comprising:

playing an error message and terminating communication with the e-mail server if the device is not registered in the email server.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal by voice according to claim 6, further comprising:

determining if the recorded message is acceptable; and

recording the message again if the previously recorded message is not acceptable.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal of an enterprise, comprising:

receiving a call in an email server of the enterprise from the portable electronic device;

determining if the portable electronic device is registered in the email server;

obtaining, at the email server, a pre-assigned message identifier from the portable electronic device, the pre-assigned message identifier assigned by the email server to an email message ~~received by~~ provided to the portable electronic device from the email server, the pre-assigned message identifier corresponding to an author of the received email;

authenticating the pre-assigned message identifier at the email server of the enterprise;

requesting a recording of a voice message from the user of the portable electronic device as a reply to the email message;

recording the voice message at the email server;
converting the recorded voice message into MP-3 format; and
transmitting the converted voice message to the user of the enterprise terminal.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with a terminal according to claim 6, further comprising:

identifying a user of the portable electronic device by using a Caller ID service.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with a an enterprise terminal according to claim 6, further comprising:

prompting, if a Caller ID service is not operating, a user of the portable electronic device to enter a personal identification number ("PIN"); and
authenticating the PIN to determine whether the PIN is valid.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 6, wherein the pre-assigned message identifier allows transmission of the voice message to the enterprise terminal.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 10, further comprising identifying a user of the device by using a Caller ID service.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 10, further comprising:
prompting, if a Caller ID service is not operating, a user of the portable electronic device to enter a PIN; and
authenticating the PIN to determine whether the PIN is valid.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 10, wherein the pre-assigned message identifier allows transmission of the voice message to the terminal.